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Dear Paul,

I received your Christmas card Tuesday; it is very good hearing from you. I didn't know you and your wife had returned from West Germany. Now that you are back in the States I hope you will keep in touch with WNYU. I will be sending you copies of our weekly program notes and other information after the Christmas vacation.

Jim Skorupski has remained very closeto the station and arrives tonight from Los Angeles for a ten day visit; he will be at the station for a few days. He got his Masters in EE last June and took a job with Douglas Aircraft in L.A. He continues a bachelor's life and lives in Seal Beach, a suburb.

Joe Steinberg graduated last June and is now with the Peace Corps in Jamaica, West Indies. Life there seems to be a bit slow for him. Larry Hollander is still unmarried and unchanged from the days when you were station.manager.

WNYU has not gone FM yet. But those plans have been put on a firm foundation since you left for Europe. Through Joe's efforts, with the backing of President Hester, an agreement was signed (spring 1965) between NYU and the UN whereby we would use their FM channel in exchange for our airing their programs. We had spent that spring preparing the FCC application. Both were submitted in July, 1965 by our New York lawyer, James Stanton. The FCC sent it onto the State Dept. for approval. It sat there until Jacob Javits shook it loose in January 1966. In April the Commission decided not only to accept our application but also to open it up for applications from other Universities. Fairleigh Dickenson applied. NYU hired attorneys specializing in FCC work who filed a petition for us asking that FDU be thrown out and that the channel go to us. They supported their position with evidence about improper procedures in the filing of the FDU application. That brings you up to the present. We could get it soon or the two universities could go to hearings for a couple of years. I am amazed to think of how optimistic the members were when I joined.

The station has moved into new facilities in the Gould Student Center. We have the right half of the Heights Daily News office and it cost the University $17,000, not including wire and new equipment. We moved in in February 1966 and everything wasn't hooked up until this September. There are two studios and two control rooms. One studio serves also as the record library and an office. The studios

are lavishly decorated with curtains(drapes), carpeting and all new furniture. Jim designed a stereo console for one control room. The new facility has changed life at WNYU considerably. We are now the high class organization on campus(more than ever before) and membership is growing steadily. While the HDN has been struggling to survive as a daily, WNYU has been prospering.

Our budget is administered through the President's office with Larry Hollander as budget officer. In 1965-66 we had $8,000, this year its $12,100(downtown WNYU is included in our budget). How long this generosity lasts depends on the FM project. An R.C.A. transmitter was donated to us by WPIX-FM in New York. It is now in the Gym where we plan to use it.

The program schedule is changing and we are now on the air seven days a week. In the evenings we present what we would broadcast on FM. We have added more hours of Jazz and folk music and have strenghtened the classical music programming. We also do 14 hours of WABC type rock and roll programming each week, weekdays 8-10am and weekend nights 11pm to 1am. This is not intended for FM but is our most popular programming on campus. Two ATC tape cartridge machines make a fast format rock show easier.

We have worked very hard to create an image for WNYU in the broadcasting world. Our new stationary, frequent articles in Billboard about us, and our new outside telephone number are some of the things that give WNYU a strong, organized image around New York. We will host the third IBS convention in five years at the Heights this coming April. We get free record service from every major record company.

Harry Zerler(my assistant station manager), David Stein (classical music director since Arnold left), and I graduate this June. David Jaspen(currently treasurer) will become station manager this spring.

It would be wonderful if you could make it back for a visit sometime this spring so I could see you and you could see WNYU. I know that by the time you are away from school for a couple of years you can lose all interest in what is happening. But if this station goes FM and is to continue the high standards and traditions of WNYU, it is important that we, the WNYU alumni, keep in touch with the membership. The members like hearing about former members and they need your encouragement.

Sincerely,

Dick Robins

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Station Manager